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Data for June 2006
(Preliminary)

Economic Growth Region 10

Please Note: The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

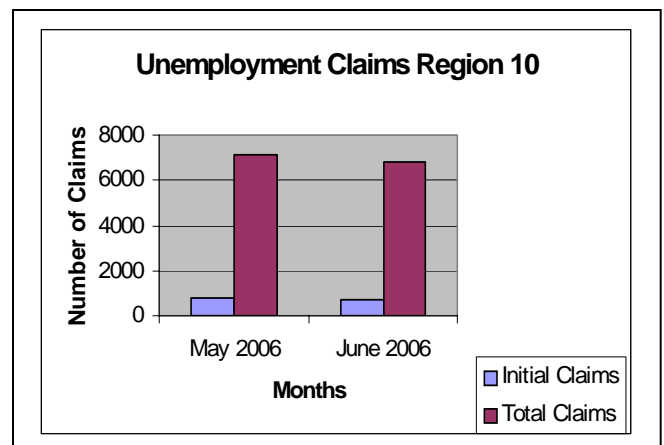
Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

Unemployment Compensation Claims The total number of unemployment compensation claims for June 2006 was 6,782 which represented a decline of 358 from the May 2006 figure of 7,140. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for June and May 2006. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial Claims	Total Claims
May 2006	768	7,140
June 2006	684	6,782



**Job Openings June 2006
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
Occupational Title	Openings	Wage
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	43	8.81
Production Laborers	43	9.19
Plastic Molding & Casting Mach. Operators	32	8.32
Plastic Molding & Casting Mach. Setters	30	8.00
Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	30	7.00
Stock Clerks: Storeroom/Warehouse	23	7.58
Other Material Recording, Scheduling, Dist.	22	9.17
Personal & Home Care Aides	13	7.60
Salespersons: Retail	12	7.17
Cashiers, General	11	8.00
Woodworking Machine Operators	9	10.14
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	7	7.50
All Other Hand Workers	6	8.00
Carpenter Assemblers and Repairers	6	8.00
Janitors and Cleaners	6	8.64
Production Helpers	6	10.00
1 st Line Supervisors/Managers of Svc. Wkrs.	5	8.67
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	5	9.50
Machinists	5	16.75



As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	JUNE 2006	MAY 2006	JUNE 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench- marked
United States	152,557,000	145,216,000	7,341,000	4.8	4.4	5.2
Indiana	3,301,900	3,132,300	169,600	5.1	4.8	5.3
Clark County	55,600	52,650	2,950	5.3	4.6	5.2
Crawford County	5,595	5,245	350	6.2	6.2	6.2
Floyd County	39,190	37,080	2,110	5.4	4.5	5.1
Harrison County	20,160	19,070	1,090	5.4	4.5	5.0
Scott County	12,020	11,220	800	6.7	6.5	5.8
Washington County	14,740	13,810	930	6.3	5.9	5.5

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The June 2006 data are preliminary data and June 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 have been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub-state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – JUNE 2006	COUNTY	JUNE 2006 RATE
38	Clark	5.3
16	Crawford	6.2
32	Floyd	5.4
34	Harrison	5.4
6	Scott	6.7
14	Washington	6.3

Orange County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.5 % and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 3.1%.



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